Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 52, line 20 and ending at page 52, line 24 as follows:

-- For example, for the item 'reference number', the attribute is an alphanumeric character, a person who inputs data and a checker belonging to the clerical section, and the note indicates that data input is required. --.

In the Abstract

Rewrite the paragraph starting at page 64, line 2 and ending at page 64, line 12 as follows:

An information processing apparatus is provided for efficiently managing documents and various procedures related to a patent application with information related to a patent application being accumulated in a database for each case, and managed for a due date so that when an inventor has to study a case, a request to study the case is issued to the inventor through a network, and the state of the study by the inventor is checked through the network. Furthermore, related prior art is managed in a database, thereby efficiently filing an application with the Patent Office. --.

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